suggestions contained in my memorandum to Government of date 31-1-1120 as to the carrying out of certain immediate improvements to the Thovala Channel?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKITAKRISHNAN: The Chief Engineer has been instructed to inspect the place and forward a report as early as possible.

Cement.

25 *MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether cement is being sold to the public at present; and

(*b*) if so, the agency through which the sale is conducted?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKITAKRISHNAN: (*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN: Will the Government be pleased to make arrangements for selling cement as early as possible?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKITAKRISHNAN: As soon as the supply is received, arrangements will be made for issue.

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: Is the price being controlled by Government?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKITAKRISHNAN: Yes, from time to time.

Irrigation tanks in Thovala and Agasteeswaram Taluks.

26 *MR. S. THIRAVIAM NADAR (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of irrigation tanks in Thovala and Agasteeswaram taluks; and

(*b*) the area under paddy cultivation in each?

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(*a*) Thovala taluk	390	
Agasteeswaram taluk	408	
(*b*) Thovala taluk	13,330	acres.
Agasteeswaram taluk	23,830	acres.

Piravom-Ramangalam road.

27 *MR. K. M. PAUL: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when the Piravom-Ramangalam road was taken up by them; and

(*b*) what is the yearly maintenance allowed for this road?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKITAKRISHNAN: (*a*) In 1109 M. E.

(*b*) Rs. 20 per mile.

Pothanicad-Neduvacad Road.

28 *MR. K. M. PAUL: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total amount spent so far on the Pothanicad-Neduvacad road;

(*b*) when the work was commenced by the Government;

(*c*) what is the delay in completing this work; and

(*d*) when the work is expected to be completed?

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